

**SCOTTSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Civic Center Library Board Room**  
**April 21, 2004**

**Members Present:** Judith Crider, Chair  
David Berry  
R. Jerry Hargitt  
Camille Schmidt  
Linda Tardie

**Members Absent:** Hamilton Lee Durning  
Nancy Walker

**Others Present:** Rita Hamilton, Library Director  
Mary Johnson, Library Operations Manager  
Sharyn Pennington, Library Operations Coordinator  
Bill Pillow, Public Services Manager  
Debbie Tang, Facilities & Special Projects Manager  
Marsha Greene, Youth Services Coordinator  
Mary Warner, Administrative Secretary (minutes)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Crider called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Crider asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2004 meeting.  
Mr. Hargitt so moved; Ms. Tardie seconded, and the motion carried.

**LIBRARY STAFF REPORTS OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. 38-431.02 (K))**

***Monthly Statistical Report – Sharyn Pennington***

	<b>March</b>	<b>March</b>	
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Library Collection		804,854	
Items Circulated	170,013	181,141	+6.5%
Attendance (CC, MU, AR)	98,841	107,988	+9.3%
Attendance (PAL)*	41,644	21,301	
Volunteer Hours		2,576	
Customers Using Public Computers		39,062	

\*Due to a malfunction in Palomino's gate counter equipment, Palomino statistics for 2003 were over-reported.

The Gift & Memorial Trust Account received \$570 for the month; expenses were \$498.59. In the Library Book Sale Special Revenue Account, March income from sales was \$14,896.43 and expenditures were \$8,599.32.

***Library Director's Report – Rita Hamilton***

Ms. Hamilton congratulated Linda Tardie for being reappointed by City Council to a three-year term on the Library Advisory Board.

Ms. Hamilton said the library is applying for a Pendleton Grant for the 2004/05 Book Buddies program and plans to expand the program to include Scottsdale schools in the Cave Creek School District and Paradise Valley School District.

Ms. Hamilton reported that the Appaloosa Library is once again included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan. She thanked Library Board member Camille Schmidt for speaking before the Citizens' Budget Review Committee on behalf of the needs of the library system. According to the current plans, the new Arabian Library would open in 2007 and Appaloosa would open in 2008. Ms. Hamilton said that the Friends of the Library board sent a letter to the City Council and Mayor Manross in support of the Arabian and Appaloosa library projects. She also distributed a City budget meeting schedule and invited Board members to attend if they are interested.

Ms. Hamilton reported that April 18-26 is National Library Week and the annual Spring Used Book Sale at Civic Center Library is Saturday, May 1. She said the Battle of the Books finale will be held on May 3 at Scottsdale Center for the Arts, and invited the board members to attend and present trophies to the winners again this year. She announced that the Teen Planning Group selected the name *Knowasis* for the new Teen Learning Center. She also announced a new series of computer classes for seniors.

***Library Services Highlight – Marsha Greene***

***Summer Reading Programs:***

Ms. Greene explained that the Summer Reading Program is designed to keep kids reading and using the libraries through the summer months. All ages participate: the Young Readers Program includes infants to 11 years, and the Teen Program is for 12 to 17 years. The Arizona Diamondbacks and Arizona Republic are sponsoring the Valley-wide *Extra! Extra! Read Your Way to the Ballpark* program for the fifth year. Young Reader participants receive incentives and ticket vouchers for baseball games. The Teen Program awards fast food coupons, Harkins Theater tickets and ends with a "wrap party" at Chipotle restaurant. Our librarians will be visiting schools to tell children about the summer reading programs and other summer events such as Mother Goose presentations,

puppet shows, movies, and classes on journaling, scrap booking, card-making, and a Web Wizards computer class series that teaches teens web design.

Ms. Greene said the Scottsdale Historical Museum and the Library are inviting children, ages 6-9, to learn about the history of Scottsdale and to show off their coloring creativity. Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries. Children can pick up and return entry materials at any Scottsdale Public library during June and July. She also said that children's author Wendelin Van Draanen's latest Sammy Keyes mystery, *Shredder Man*, will be featured in The Arizona Republic this summer as a serialized story. Van Draanen will appear at Civic Center Library on June 3 to talk about her life as an author, and all ages are welcome.

*Summer Youth Volunteers:*

Ms. Greene said that each summer, area teens, ages 13-17, volunteer to help in our libraries. Youth Service librarians work with the volunteer supervisors to interview and hire teens to work in the library of their choice. Last year, 120 teens volunteered over 6,000 hours during the summer months.

*Library Services Highlight – Mary Johnson  
Elizabeth I Exhibit:*

Mrs. Johnson stated that Scottsdale is fortunate to have been selected by the American Library Association as one of 40 cities nationwide to host the Elizabeth I traveling exhibit, which commemorates the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of England's Queen Elizabeth I. The six panels documenting the political and cultural aspects of her life will be displayed in the Civic Center Library from December 18, 2004 until February 16, 2005. The library is in the process of partnering with community groups to host related events such as Elizabethan and Shakespearean era dramatic presentations at Kerr Cultural Center and Civic Center Auditorium, Renaissance musician group Musica Dolce playing period musical instruments, culinary presentations of Elizabethan foods by Scottsdale Culinary Institute, and Scottsdale Garden Club presenting a talk on Elizabethan gardens with period herbs and medicinal plantings. ASU will host a symposium on January 22, 2005 with six ASU scholars discussing Elizabeth's life and times. The Friends of the Library will host a pre-opening event the evening of December 17 for members, and the library will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on opening day. Also under consideration is a panel of current women in government, including our governor and Scottsdale mayor, discussing women's roles in politics. Activities for all ages will be included at each of the libraries.

**ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

***Expenditures - Rita Hamilton***

**April 2004**

Elizabeth I Exhibit	\$	3,535
Summer youth volunteers, supplies, rewards, recognition events	\$	1,100
<b>April Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,635</b>

After a review and discussion of the proposed expenses, Mr. Hargitt moved to approve the April 2004 expenses. Mr. Berry seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

***Rules of Conduct Policy Revision:***

Ms. Hamilton explained that the Rules of Conduct policy, originally approved by the board on December 17, 2003, has been revised to add rule number 8 which addresses the security issue of customers' personal belongings brought into the library. We have also numbered each line in the policy for easier reference. Ms. Schmidt moved to accept the revised policy. Ms. Tardie seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

***Announcements/Issues for Future Discussion***

Mrs. Crider announced that the next meeting will be held on May 19, 2004.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mrs. Crider adjourned the April 2004 Library Advisory Board meeting at 4:23 p.m.

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Mary Warner, Administrative Secretary